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and glory of that memorable *fête*. I have heard so many particulars, that I am very sure she would have spoken of a deputation of her father's friends to prevent Miss Sarah and Miss Peggy from going in *such* costumes to the Mischianza—and go they did. . . . They *were* there, and strange as it is, one of them told me so, for I am aged 85 years, and so the connecting link between that day and this. A beautiful picture of Sarah Shippen, my grandmother (Mrs. Lea), by Stuart, is in the possession of my niece . . ."

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SOUMIEN.—The full name of "Mr Soumien," the silversmith, of Philadelphia, in 1755, is *Samuel Soumien*.

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Book Notices.

SHIP REGISTERS FOR THE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, 1726-1775.—The publication of material for history which as yet remains only in manuscript is a special province of THE PENNSYLVANIA MAGAZINE, and it is in pursuance of its work in this field that the following analysis of the record of ship registers issued by the Provincial Government of Pennsylvania is here printed. It has been prepared from the books in which the "Registers" were originally transcribed as they were issued. The first instalment appeared in our last number, and in the present issue is continued. It is intended to follow these instalments with others, bringing the series down to 1776, when they cease. The registers are recorded in small folio volumes, which came into the possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania many years ago.

A glance at the first instalment of the "Ship Registers for the Port of Philadelphia, 1726-1775," which appeared in the last number of the PENNSYLVANIA MAGAZINE, suggests a question as to the system of measurement then used to ascertain the tonnage capacity of the vessels trading at this port. That the majority of the vessels should have been no more than fifty tons burden, according to these registers, when taken in connection with the fact (established by the weekly reports of shipping news published in the *American Weekly Mercury* of that day) that many of these vessels were transatlantic, and not merely coastwise traders, makes this question a very interesting one. For, if it can be shown, as is most likely the case, that this "registered" tonnage was merely a nominal, and far below the actual, figure of the carrying capacity of the vessels which took out "register" in Pennsylvania and the lower counties, most of which were built on the banks of the Delaware, a most just idea can be formed of the great importance shipbuilding attained in this neighborhood prior to the Revolution. The earlier "registers" show that a majority of the vessels to which they were granted were built for local owners; but, as time passed, not a few were built for British merchants, mostly in business in London, but in a few cases the orders came from traders residing on the Mersey and the Clyde. As we approach the Revolution the average size of the vessels built here steadily increases, and from 1762 to 1776 vessels of a hundred to two hundred tons are frequently recorded, the ship "Mars," registered on March 4, 1775, leading all the rest with a tonnage of four hundred tons. Her commander, Wingate Newman, afterwards signalized himself in the service of the united colonies as commander of the brig "Hancock," one of the most successful privateers fitted out in America during the early years of the Revolution.

GENEALOGY OF DR. FRANCIS JOSEPH PFEIFFER, OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, AND HIS DESCENDANTS. 1734-1899. By Edwin Jaquett Sellers. Philadelphia, 1899 8vo, 67 pp.

Our fellow-member, Mr. Sellers, is again before us in a volume as neat in appearance and as full of the evidence of painstaking research as any of the several volumes already issued by him. A glance at the histories of the families he has so far traced and put in print serves to show what a mixed ancestry many Pennsylvanians of to-day have. Taking him as an example of this, we have family histories running back to emigrant ancestors of English, Welsh, French, Dutch, and German origin.

Dr. Franz Joseph Pfeiffer arrived in Pennsylvania in 1722, and, soon afterwards settling in the then District of the Northern Liberties, practised medicine there until his death. Over two hundred and seventy-five of his descendants are here traced, and among the names included in the genealogy are those of Bispham, Bryant, Fidler (the late mayor of that name being one), Koons, etc.

The volume is handsomely printed and neatly bound, and a portrait of Dr. Pfeiffer is added.

A RECORD OF THE CLASS OF 1878 OF THE COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1878-1898. Philadelphia, 1899. 8vo, 173 pp.

We have been favored with a copy of this attractive class book from the press of the J. B. Lippincott Company. "A class which commanded the cordial respect of all its teachers for its propriety of conduct, its faithfulness to duty, and its ability." It is profusely illustrated, and contains biographical sketches of all the members of '78. The designs for the cover are deserving of commendation.

THE CARE OF THE SICK AND WOUNDED IN THE REVOLUTION. By Francis R. Packard, M.D. 8vo, 23 pp.

Under the above caption Dr. Packard has collected much valuable material relating to the medical corps and the hospital service of the Continental army. He has also recently published two papers, one on "Early Methods of Medical Education in North America," and the other, "A Healthy Regiment and the Reason it was So," the latter based on his experiences as a surgeon during the late Spanish-American war.

THE PERKIOMEN REGION PAST AND PRESENT.—We have received No. 3 of Vol. II. of this excellent serial, devoted to the Perkiomen district. The editor, Henry S. Dotterer, continues his history of "The Church at Market Square," Germantown, and also "Days Devoted to Research Abroad," and William J. Buck and Col. Thomas Swenk, Sr., contribute valuable articles. Subscriptions, \$1.00 per annum, should be sent to the Perkiomen Publishing Co., 1605 N. Thirteenth St., Philadelphia.

THE FRIES REBELLION, 1798-99. An Armed Resistance to the House Tax Law passed by Congress, July 9, 1798, in Bucks and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania. - By W. W. H. Davis, A.M., Doylestown, Pa., 1899. 8vo, 143 pp.

Between the close of the Revolution and the end of the century three events transpired in the United States that gave serious alarm to the friends of the newly established government,—“Shay's Rebellion,” in Massachusetts, in 1786; the “Whiskey Insurrection,” in 1794; and the “Fries Rebellion,” 1798-99, in Pennsylvania. In each case the disturbance was caused in whole or in part by what the people con-

sidered an unjust and unlawful tax, and they resisted putting it in force. General Davis, in the work under notice, presents all the facts relating to the armed resistance by John Fries and his followers to the House Tax Law of 1798, which was confined to the counties of Bucks and Northampton, and the trials before Justice Iredell and Justices Chase and Peters in the Circuit Court of the United States, at Philadelphia. Numerous illustrations and an excellent index add to the value of the work.

MEMOIR OF DR. GEORGE LOGAN, OF STENTON. By his widow, Deborah Norris Logan, with selections from his correspondence, edited by their great-granddaughter Frances A. Logan, with an introduction by Charles J. Stillé. Philadelphia, 1899. 207 pp.

This handsome memorial volume, to the virtues, character, and public services of Dr. George Logan, of Stenton, has been published by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, under the will of Miss Frances A. Logan. The memoir was written by Mrs. Logan, who survived her honored and beloved husband many years, and in preparing it for publication their great-granddaughter added many interesting and valuable letters from his distinguished contemporaries. In his admirable introduction, Dr. Stillé gives a summary of the critical times in which Dr. Logan lived, and in which he took so conspicuous a part. Portraits of Dr. and Mrs. Logan and several views of Stenton embellish the work.

THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA IN 1740. By Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, LL.D. Philadelphia, 1899. 23 pp.

We have been favored with a copy of the brief of argument of Judge Pennypacker before the "Committee upon the University," in June last, to determine the origin of the University of Pennsylvania. The historical data which he presents clearly traces the origin of that institution to the charitable school founded in the year 1740, by the friends of the eloquent preacher, the Rev. George Whitefield, and that there was a direct connection with this school and the Academy and charitable school, organized in 1749. The University has therefore passed through the stages of a charity school, an Academy, and a College, and since 1779 a University. The Board of Trustees of the University have unanimously affirmed the date of foundation A.D. 1740.

ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE REVOLUTION, 1898-99. Philadelphia, 1899. 8vo, 94 pp.

This attractive publication contains the proceedings of the eleventh annual meeting of the Society, and report of the Board of Managers; the tenth annual sermon by the chaplain, Rev. G. Woolsey Hodge, M.A.; the addresses made at the annual dinner; the account of Evacuation Day celebration, and the address of Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker. A valuable historical map of the Schuylkill Valley between the Perkiomen and Fairmount is a feature of the publication. The work was compiled by the secretary, Ethan Allen Weaver.

SNYDER COUNTY MARRIAGES, 1835-1899. By George W. Wagenseller, A.M. Middleburg, Pennsylvania, 1899. 8vo, 267 pp.

The record of marriages published in this book number over seven thousand, and are compiled from the files of the *Middleburg Post*, the License Docket of Snyder County, and the registers of Rev. Adolf B. Casper, John Peter Shindel, Jr., and Charles G. Erlenmeyer. The index contains over eighteen hundred different surnames. A limited edition has been printed. Price, \$3. Address the compiler.